

Reimbursement for Meals and Milk Served Outside the Typical School Day

Purpose:

This instruction sets forth the policy about reimbursement of meals and milk served on weekends.

Scope:

Sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and/or Special Milk Program (SMP).

Description:

Meals and milk served by the school food authority on the weekend may be reimbursable if the activity is an integral part of the curriculum or an actual extension of the local educational program, and not simply a school-affiliated extracurricular event or activity, such as football, band, and choral activity. The decision as to whether an activity is an integral part of or extension of curriculum is to be made by those who determine curriculum in the State Education Agency, in conjunction with a review of the actual situation with the local school food authority.

Boarding schools that serve meals or milk on weekends may be reimbursed only if the weekend is an extension of the weekly educational program, as defined by the State Education Agency. However, residential child care institutions may be reimbursed for meals served on weekends.

Care must be taken in all cases to maintain accurate records, including meal counts for free, reduced price and paid categories.

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